

Retiring Martin University Founder and President receives 1st Annual Commissioner's Community Partnership Award

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J. David Donahue,
Commissioner



Indianapolis, Indiana - (October 26, 2007) - Martin University Founder and President, Father Boniface Hardin is the recipient of the the 1st Annual Commissioner's Community Partnership Award Commissioner J. David Donahue of the Indiana Department of Correction presented the historical to Father Hardin at the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males State Conference held October 18th The award was an authentic Indiana State Prison locking device mounted

and engraved with the recognition of Hardin's achievement. Last summer the Department established an internship program under the leadership of Commissioner Donahue and Father Hardin. The Department allotted for 12 internship positions and awarded 7 paid internships.

The idea of this collaboration was to provide students at Martin University a career path to employment with the Indiana Department of Correction. This idea was equally appealing for the Department because it offered an opportunity to ultimately enhance minority representation within the agency. "The Department has worked aggressively to professionalize the field of corrections by providing more avenues for minority recruitment and retention. Programs such as the Martin internship led by a visionary such as Father Hardin will hopefully attract more diversity and birth tomorrow's guiding lights in Corrections" said Donahue.

Interns are paid for their service. Currently four interns are working for the IDOC at Central Office in External Relations, Planning, Staff Development and Training, Indiana Women's Prison, Plainfield Reentry and Educational Facility and Parole.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.